

In the Specification

Please delete the first full paragraph on page 1 under the heading "Cross Reference to Related Applications (starting at line 4 and ending on line 7), and insert the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/083,586, filed May 21, 1998 (abandoned), and is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/083,585 filed on May 21, 1998 (abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 07/794,396 filed on November 19, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 6,034,233, and a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/227,180 filed on April 13, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,866,698, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 07/801,168 filed on November 29, 1991 (abandoned).

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 38 and 50, without prejudice, and insert claims 37, 52-54, 59 and 61 as presented below in amended form:

37. (Amended) A method for the administration of an antisense nucleic acid therapeutic or diagnostic composition comprising:

aerosolizing an antisense nucleic acid therapeutic or diagnostic composition comprising at least one antisense oligonucleotide wherein the sugar moiety of at least one nucleoside unit of said antisense oligonucleotide is not a 2'-deoxyribofuranosyl sugar moiety or at